MR. CHAIRMAN: Leader of the House will speak, please sit down.

THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH:) Sir, Honourable Members have expressed their concern about the procedure. As you have stated just now, it is your inherent right regarding conducting of the House and we abide by it. You have also said that you will apply your mind to it afterwards.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Mr. Chairman, Sir, in fact it was telecast live and we have gone through the transcript. Naturally whether the Prime Minister has stated or not, it is beyond anybody's doubt or question. Even the Union Home Minister in his statement when he tried to clarify this point he did not deny that the Prime Minister did not make such a statement. The point is that such a public assertion from the Chief Executive of the Government has roused deep apprehension in the people's mind and let there be a discussion on this subject

SOME HONOURABLE MEMBERS: No, No.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Sir, let there be a discussion. We allow the Prime Minister to make a statement. We allow anybody from that side to clarify this point. Let the people know who stands where. We want a fullfledged discussion on this matter because this is a very serious matter. This matter should be discussed in Parliament.

MR CHAIRMAN: You have raised the point. I will apply my mind and then I will give verdict. Therefore, there is nothing to be discussed further. Now, Papers to be laid on the Table. Secretary-General, please. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI N. K.P. SALVE: Sir, I crave your indulgence for one minute.

MR. CHAIRMAN: If you raise any point at this stage, it will lead to a discussion which you want to avoid. Therefore, I have already said that I will apply my mind; and I will deal with it. Please sit down. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: Sir, to be able to assist you..... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI (Madhya Pradesh): Sir, I can also assist you.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Sir, let there be a discussion.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Secretary-General.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Statement Showing the Bills passed by the Houses of Parliament during the Hundred and Thirty-fourth Session of the Rajya Sabha

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL: Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) showing the Bills passed by the Houses of Parliament during the Hundred and Thirty-fourth Session of the Rajya Sabha assented to by the President. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—1135/85].

Report and Audited Accounts (1983-84) of the Coal Mines Provident Fund, Coal Mines Family Pension and Coal Mines Deposit Linked Insurance Schemes and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Annual Report and Audited Accounts of the Coal Mines Provident Fund, Coal Mines Family Pension and Coal Mines Deposit Linked Insurance Schemes, for the year 1983-84, together with a statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—1161/85].

I. Report and Certified Accounts (1983-84) of the Central Silk Board, Bangalore and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Thirty-fifth Annual Report of the Central Silk Board, Bangalore, for the year 1983-84 under section 12-A of the Central Silk Board Act, 1948, together with a Review by Government on the working of the Board.

(ii) Certified Annual Accounts of the Central Silk Board, Banglore, for the year 1983-84 and the Audit Report thereon, under sub-section (4) of section 12 of the Central Silk Board Act, 1948.

(iii) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) and (ii) above.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—1163/85 for (i) to (iii)]

Tessorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Amendment Ordinance, 1985 (No. 4 of 1985)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, under sub-clause (a) of clause (2) of article 123 of the Constitution, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Amendment Ordinance, 1985 (No. 4 of 1985). [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1132/85]

REFERENCE TO THE REPORTED INCIDENTS OF SACRIFICE OF CHILDREN IN THE NAME OF RELIGION

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, we will take up Special Mentions. Mr. K. K. Birla.

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA (Rajasthan): Mr. Chairman, Sir, every now and then we come across cases of human sacrifices on the basis of superstition and so-called religion. I referred to the other day a news which appeared in many newspapers that kids were dashed to death against walls. It was this which prompted me to make my Special Mention.

It is a matter of great regret that cases of human sacrifices are reported from time to time. Under the mistaken illogical and irrational that such sacrifices will result in the granting of some boons of fulfilment of some ambitions, people resort to human sacrifices to what they mistakenly consider as appeasing to some God or Goddess.

These are heinous act and acts of crime against the society. It is, therefore, disturbing that every now and then such incidents occur. The matter has to be tackled in two directions.

Firstly, there should be exemplary punishment for the guilty whenever such cases are brought to the notice of the police and the court.

Secondly, the more important thing is our social leaders and workers at every level should try to educate the people properly so that they do not resort to such sacrifices on the basis of senseless superstitions. Fortunately, the vast majority of people have got the very thought of such sacrifices. This will, therefore, make the task of the social workers comparatively easy. All the same, they have to make relentless efforts to wipe out such evil practices that still persist.

REFERENCE TO THE REPORTED MISSING OF TWO MERCHANT NAVY VESSELS

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN (West Bengal): Sir, I would like to refer to the Reports about missing of two Merchant Navy vessels in the Bay of Bengal on 21st of June this year. Sir, it is reported that one ship was moving out from Calcutta and other was moving towards Calcutta. One M. V. Nityananak and another M. V. Nityaram belonging to a private Shipping Company. They suddenly disappeared on the 21st of June and after that, there was no news about the traces of the ships. After five days of the disappearance of ships, the authorities of that private Company informed the relatives of the crew of the ships that both the ships have disappeared. Now, Sir, there are in total 44 number of the crew in the two ships. The members of the families of the crews